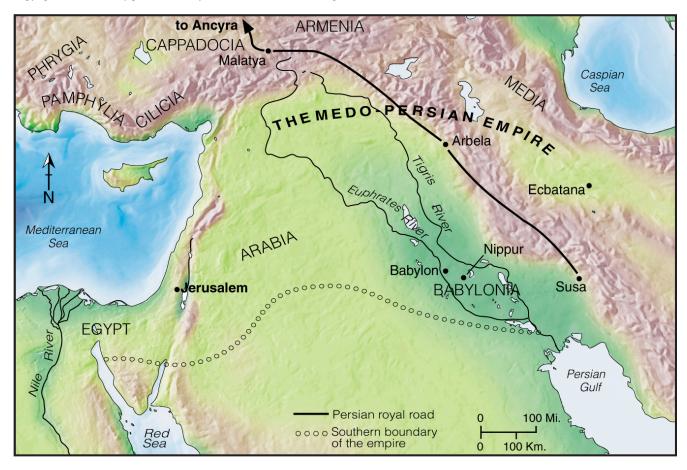
The World of Esther's Day

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Esther 1:1-4; 10:1-3

Esther lived in the capital of the vast Medo-Persian Empire, which incorporated the provinces of Media and Persia, as well as the previous empires of Assyria and Babylon. Esther, a Jewess, was chosen by King Xerxes* to be his queen. The story of how she saved her people takes place in the palace in Susa.

^{*}or Ahasuerus